

B¹ The PC 16 is preferably of conventional construction, including a display 18, keyboard 20 and mouse 22. Among other functions, the PC 16 receives and stores voice data files transferred to the PC 16 from the recorder 12. Details of software which controls the PC 16 in connection with its interactions with the recorder 12 are set forth in co-pending patent application serial no. 09/190,196, filed November 12, 1998, entitled "VOICE FILE MANAGEMENT IN PORTABLE DIGITAL AUDIO RECORDER," which has common inventors and a common assignee with the present application.

B. In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 22 and 28 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the claimed subject matter.

Please amend claim 21 to read:

B² 21. A voice data management system, comprising:
a portable digital audio recorder which includes memory means for storing a plurality of voice data files, said memory means storing corresponding header data in association with each of the stored voice data files;
a personal computer;
means for transferring said voice data files and the corresponding header data from the portable recorder to the personal computer;
a plurality of information processing devices other than said portable recorder and said personal computer; and
means, interconnecting said personal computer with said plurality of information processing devices, for permitting transmission of data from said personal computer to a selected one of said plurality of data processing devices;

wherein said personal computer reads said header data transferred to the personal computer, and on the basis of said header data, selects one of said plurality of information processing devices to receive a voice data file corresponding to said header data and transmits the corresponding voice data file to the selected data processing device, and wherein one of said plurality of information processing devices selected by said personal computer is a voice mail system.

Please add new claims 44-46:

44. A voice data management system according to claim 1, wherein said header data that is used to determine whether to transfer the corresponding voice data file to said other information processing device is indicative of an identity of said portable digital audio recorder.

45. A voice data management system according to claim 1, wherein said header data that is used to determine whether to transfer the corresponding voice data file to said other information processing device is indicative of a subject matter of the voice data file corresponding to said header data.

46. A voice data management system according to claim 1, wherein said header data that is used to determine whether to transfer the corresponding voice data file to said other information processing device is indicative of a work type of the voice data file corresponding to said header data.